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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter.

Claims:

1-14.(Previously canceled).

15. (Amended) A method of joining electrically conductive materials, which comprises comprising the step of applying an adhesive composition to said materials to provide a stable electrical contact resistance comprising consisting of:

an epoxide-modified polyurethane resin having the following structure

or

$$R_{4} = X_{2} = C - N - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - R_{1} - N - C - X_{2} - R_{2} - X_{1} - C - X_{2} - R_{4}$$

where m is 2 or 3; n is one or greater; R_1 is an aliphatic hydrocarbon radical, a cycloaliphatic hydrocarbon radical, an aromatic hydrocarbon radical, or an araliphatic hydrocarbon radical; R_2 is an aliphatic hydrocarbon radical, a cycloaliphatic hydrocarbon radical, an alkoxy radical, a polyester; or a polyether; R_4 is either:

$$-R_3$$
 or R_3

 R_3 is an aliphatic hydrocarbon radical, a cycloaliphatic hydrocarbon radical, an alkoxy radical, a polyester, or a polyether; and X_1 and X_2 are either a single bond, -O-; -COO-; -NH-; or -S-; wherein the cross-linking agent is a carboxylic acid anhydride cross-linker;

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a cross-linking agent;

an adhesion promoter in an amount sufficient for promoting adhesion of the adhesive to a substrate; and

a conductive filler.

- 16. (Canceled)
- 17. (Canceled)
- 18. (Presently amended) The method of Claim 46 15, wherein the electrically conductive materials are present on a printed circuit board.
- 19.-20. (Canceled).
- 21.-29. (Canceled)
- 30. (Presently amended) A method of joining electrically conductive materials, comprising: applying an electrically conductive adhesive composition to at least one of said electrically conductive materials, wherein said electrically conductive adhesive composition emprises consists of an epoxide-modified polyurethane resin, a cross-linking agent, an adhesion promoter, and a conductive filler,

wherein said epoxide-modified polyurethane resin has the following structure:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_{4} - X_{2} & C - N - R_{1} & N - C - X_{1} \end{bmatrix}_{m} R_{2}$$
or
$$R_{4} - X_{2} & C - N - \begin{bmatrix} R_{1} & N - C - X_{1} & N - C - X_{2} \end{bmatrix}_{m} R_{2}$$

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where m is 2 or 3; n is one or greater; R_1 is an aliphatic hydrocarbon radical, a cycloaliphatic hydrocarbon radical, an aromatic hydrocarbon radical, or an araliphatic hydrocarbon radical; R_2 is an aliphatic hydrocarbon radical, a cycloaliphatic hydrocarbon radical, an alkoxy radical, a polyester; or a polyether; R_4 is either:

$$\begin{array}{c}
-R_{\overline{3}} \\
\text{or} \\
\\
R_{\overline{3}} \\
\end{array}$$

 R_3 is an aliphatic hydrocarbon radical, a cycloaliphatic hydrocarbon radical, an alkoxy radical, a polyester, or a polyether; and X_1 and X_2 are either a single bond, -O-; -COO-; -NH-; or -S-.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30 wherein said electrically conductive materials are at least one of the following; a chip and a printed circuit board.

32. (Canceled)

- 33. (Previously added) The method of claim 15, wherein the adhesion promoter is selected from the group consisting of alkylchlorosilanes, dialkyldichlorosilanes, alkyltrichlorosilanes; organosilane esters; vinylsilanes; aminoalkylsilanes; diaminoalkylsilanes; styrylaminosilanes; ureidoalkylsilane esters; alkoxysilanes; acryloxyalkylsilane esters; methacryloxyalkylsilane esters; and mercaptoalkylsilane esters, and combinations thereof.
- 34. (Previously added) The method of claim 15, wherein the adhesion promoter is (3-glycidoxypropyl)trimethoxysilane.